



National Disabled Veterans *Winter Sports Clinic*

Skier Profile

Steven Curry – New Leg, New Possibilities

Only two months into his rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Army Sergeant Steven Curry, who lost his left leg to an improvised explosive device, may have found the silver lining, or rather the alpine white lining, regarding his injury.

“I recently went mono-skiing, the style where you sit down, and it was a blast,” said Curry, who had never skied before his injury. After his first day on the slopes, Curry was already checking the Internet for mono-ski prices and talking to his wife about trying snowboarding. “Now that I’ve had one shot at it, I definitely want to make skiing a part of my life.” Curry’s new interest will not only take him to the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass Village, Colorado this April, but will also give him new goals to work toward in his continuing rehabilitation.

“I wanted to try snowboarding during my first trip, but couldn’t because I can only be up on my prosthesis for an hour or so,” Curry explained. “I’m starting to work with it a lot more, so by the time we get to Snowmass, I’ll be able to try it.”

Curry’s wife, Samantha, has been by his side throughout the entire rehabilitation process. She accompanied him on his first ski trip and the Winter Sports Clinic will be no different. “She joined us on the slopes the second day and was impressed with how I was able to do it,” Curry said. “That might be one of the reasons I like this so much.”

He remains an active duty soldier, and found out about the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic through his occupational therapist during treatments. At first, he thought it would simply be a fun visit to Colorado. After his first encounter with winter sports though, he could not wait to get more of the speed, wind and snow.

“I’ve never been [to the Clinic] before, but I think it will be educational and fun,” Curry said. “I know that this Clinic is definitely ‘lighting that spark.’ I think I’m hooked already and can see myself doing a lot more of these Clinics in the future.” Curry certainly sees skiing becoming a regular part of his life, but shied away from the notion of becoming competitive just yet.

“I started on the beginner hills, but within a day I was onto the intermediate slopes. I’m a fast learner, but that got kind of tough,” Curry said. “I just want to go out and have fun. I’m not looking to challenge anyone. Well, except maybe my wife.” The Currys currently live in Washington, D.C.

[Above information provided by veteran.]